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FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,125,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £562,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1894.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £250,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors:—
Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
H. Stoller, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
The Bank of China, Ltd.
Interest on 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.15

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE FUND £275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1894.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. OSCAR NOODT IN OUR FIRM CEASES FROM TO-DAY.
A. SCHOMBURG & Co.
Holbow-Pakhol, 30th June, 1894.

TENDO assumido o nome de SILVA-NETTO para fins comerciais, passo de hoje em diante a assignar me para todos os fins e effeitos J. P. SILVA-NETTO.
J. P. N. DA SILVA.

HAVING assumed the name of SILVA-NETTO for commercial purposes, I will henceforward sign myself and be known as J. P. SILVA-NETTO.
J. P. N. DA SILVA.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1894.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT (owing to the OWNER being about to retire from business) the

FURNITURE, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE, GOOD-WILL, &c., of that well-known and popular establishment **THE STAG HOTEL,**

conveniently situated in Queen's Road Central. **THE HOTEL,** in addition to TWO BARS, PUBLIC and PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS, and BILLIARD-ROOM, contains SIXTEEN Spacious and well-furnished BED-ROOMS.

For further particulars, apply to

C. D. WILKINSON,
Solicitor,
Queen's Road,
THE PROPRIETOR,
Stag Hotel.
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1894.

FOR SALE.

3 inch GALVANIZED IRON WASHERS.
3 inch GALVANIZED IRON WASHERS.
3 inch GALVANIZED ROUND IRON, 18 feet long.

3 inch GALVANIZED ROUND IRON, 18 feet long.

Apply to **CHOY CHEW,**
No. 343, Praya West.
Hongkong, 3rd July, 1894.

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to refer to: its FUNDS, annually increasing, amount to £7,013,375. The premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

For particulars and rates, Apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1894.

THE MEIJI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF TOKYO.

THE AGENCY of the above-named Company having this day been TRANSFERRED to the Undersigned, they are now prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.

For the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, K. FUKUI, Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1894.

THE TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—TOKIO, JAPAN.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,200,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £600,000
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE £400,000

RESERVE FUND, 30th June, 1893, £48,551
SPECIAL RESERVE, Do, £134,097

TOTAL RESERVE £622,648

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

For the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, K. FUKUI, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1894.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000 } \$533,333.33
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUM, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

Auctions.

FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

(but on no account by private contract beforehand),

GOING CONCERN,

on September 1st, 1894, at Mr. JNO. W. HALL'S SALE ROOMS, Yokohama, Japan.

That thriving BUSINESS known as the LONDON and NEW YORK TAILORING COMPANY, No. 700A, Yokohama.

Lot 1.—NAME, GOOD-WILL, FIXTURES and SHOP FITTINGS. LEASE on the PROPERTY situated on Lot No. 200, Yokohama, consisting of TAILORING STORE, conveniently fitted up, WORKSHOP and WORKMEN'S TABLES, &c., large trying-on Room with TWO CHEVAL GLASSES and space for storage of out of Season Stock.

WATERWORKS' WATER LAID ON.

Lot 2.—The STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising Fine WEST OF ENGLAND GOODS, SCOTCH TWEEDS, TRIMMINGS, etc., etc.

The Present OWNER, Mr. ISAAC BUNTING, has carried on business in Japan successfully in the WHOLESALE LINEN and WOOLLEN TRADE since 1877, and since 1888 has been proprietor of the above-named business. He is now obliged to leave Japan for Europe on account of his WIFE'S illness.

This Tailoring business is gradually increasing and is largely patronized by American gentlemen, when on a visit to Japan, and has a large Clerical connection.

The TAKINGS from June 1st, 1893, to June 1st, 1894, amounted to over 5,500 Japanese Yen (Eight Thousand Five Hundred) equal to \$5,500 Mexican Dollars.

Duty on Woollen Cloth imported into Japan only amounts to about 2 cents, gold, per yard, 56 inches wide, all qualities, so that this business offers an opportunity for lucrative employment of Capital.

Yokohama, 16th June, 1894.

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
68, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. LAMPS.

"ROCHESTER" HANGING LAMPS, 200 Candle-power, \$10 each.

TABLE LAMPS, WALL LAMPS, VERANDAH LAMPS.

CHANDELIERS.

STREET LAMPS, HALL and PASSAGE LAMPS.

SHIP'S CABIN, SALOON and BERTH LAMPS.

SPIRIT STOVES, TRAVELLER'S STOVES, COFFEE MACHINE.

HAND LAMPS and LANTERNS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1894.

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. **THE TABLE D'HOTE**, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. **HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS** of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

S. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

MARK TWAIN'S NEW BOOK.
Tom Sawyer Abroad.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward's Marcella.

"Dodo" by Benson.

Constables Hand Atlas of India.

Geographical Society I & II to Travellers.

Practical Paper Making.

Allison's Telephones and their Construction.

Chevaliers Coster Songs.

Lindsay Gordon's Poems.

A. B. C. Telegraph Codes.

Waynes New Natural History.

Academy Pictures.

FRENCH SALON PICTURES.

Gen's Brown Shoes.

do. Buckskin Shoes.

do. Calf Shoes.

Ladies' Brown Walking Shoes.

do. Calf Walking Shoes.

Large quantity cheap Novels.

Three Castles Clearings.

Marion's Photographic Dry Plates.

Japaned Tin Dred Boxes with good locks.

Instantaneous Stationery Cases.

Dumb Bells.

New Birthday Cards.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES.

FULL DRESS CIGARETTES.

THREE CASTLE CIGARETTES.

CAPSTAN TOBACCO.

STRONG,

MEDIUM,

MILD.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1894.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, July 12th, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st December last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 12th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. G. JOY,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1894.

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD CALL of FIFTY CENTS per Share, on the Shares issued at ONE DOLLAR, has now been MADE in accordance with the PROSPECTUS, and FALLS DUE on the 4th of AUGUST next. Same should be PAID to the UNDERSIGNED at No. 9, Praya Central, to whom the SCRIP should be sent for endorsement.

By Order of the Board,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1894.

THE PHARMACY.

FLETCHER & Co. Dispensing and Retail Chemists, Perfumers, Druggists, Sundries-men and Patent Medicine Vendors.

KEPLER'S MALT.....\$14.00
KEPLER'S MALT and OIL.....\$14.00
SCOTT'S EMULSION.....\$13.00
SCOTT'S EMULSION.....\$23.00

TOILET ACCESSORIES:—
Perfume Bottles, Cut Crystal, Combs, Brushes, Sponges, Sponge Bags, Flesh Gloves and Belt.

Perfumes:—Pinaud, Atkinson, Colgate, Rick-secker and Brown Perfumery Co.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893.

"DERMATOL,"

MANUFACTURED BY FARBERWERK, HOCHST A.M.; its effect in stimulating the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal administration against diarrhoea, is described as amazing.

D. R. KNOX'S ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export Import and Bank Company.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894.

CHAMPAGNES.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for Messrs. ERNEST IRROY & Co.'s Brands of Champagne at this Port and in China:—

CARTE D'OR.
per 6 mag. per 1 doz. qts. per 2 doz. pints.
\$33 \$31 \$33

CARTE BLANCHE.
per 1 dozen quarts. per 2 dozen pints.
\$28 \$30

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1894.

WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND GLASGOW.

13, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 24th August, 1894.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL and PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HARTMANN'S RAHTIEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.

DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES &c., &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES and REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1894.

Intimations.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS!

I HAVE This Day established myself as AGENT at this Port for the SALE of PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS.

For terms and particulars, apply to **L. R. RUCHWALDY,**
No. 2, Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1894.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

12, GLENEALY BUILDINGS.
MRS. GILLANDERS.
Hongkong, 3rd July, 1894.

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS.

MASTERS of Vessels arriving here CAN NOT BE TOO PARTICULAR as to the SOURCE of supply of FRESH WATER, more especially during the present epidemic.

J. W. KEW & Co.'s STEAM WATER-BOATS enable them to SUPPLY VESSELS with any quantity of PURE FRESH WATER, with the greatest despatch and at moderate rates.

Call Flag "W." Commercial Code.

Office 18, Praya Central, Hongkong, 14th June 1894.

LEVY HERMANOS.

JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, WATCH, CHRONOMETER & CLOCKMAKERS.

Sole Agents for PATHE PHILIPPE & Co., Geneva. A great variety in Fancy Goods and Optical Instruments.

10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Opposite the Telegraph Office.

G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS.
No. 48, Queen's Road

Antimicrobials.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO., LD.

D. C. & Co's

DISINFECTING FLUID.

Large bottles.....\$0.50

Per gallon.....\$2.00

This is a safe and reliable disinfectant and is not poisonous.

NO better preventive against Plague and Disease is possible than a well disinfected house.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED



CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently erected with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

COAST PORT ORDERS; whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order. For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order. Counterfoil Order Books supplied on Application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SALTZ WATER

PURE TABLE WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

GINGER ALE

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking Road, Shanghai.

Boica Inglesa, 14, Escolta, Manila.

The Canton Dispensary, Canton.

The Dispensary, Fochow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.

London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1894.

BIRTH.

On June 27th, at Manila, the wife of EDWIN STUTCLIFFE, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1894.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE SANITARY BOARD.

It will scarcely be maintained by the friends and supporters of the Governor in the existing difficulty with the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board on the Lai-chi-kok hospital question, that his Excellency has vindicated himself or even strengthened his case by the official despatch sent to the Chairman, Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C., and published in yesterday's *Telegraph*. At the most his Excellency has shown some 'extenuating circumstances' for his foolish complacency, but in all other respects the letter is an abject and deplorable confession of weakness, both as regards the art of diplomacy and the dignity which should be inseparable

from the high position held by the Queen's representative in this colony. When combined weakness and good nature go hand in hand they seldom fail to come to grief, but when supplemented by a fully developed egotism, that exaggerated love of self which at times makes even the greatest men ridiculous, then collapse is certain. What necessity was there for Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON to upset the fairly efficient Plague regulations made at the instance of the Committee appointed by himself for that special purpose? Was there any defect in working, any well-founded Chinese complaints of arbitrary treatment or injustice, any reason to depart from a plan of campaign that had given general satisfaction and was credited with excellent results? Certainly there is nothing of the kind apparent in the Governor's letter of justification, extension and defence. An important concession was made to the Chinese in permitting plague-stricken patients to be conveyed to Canton if they so desired, and exceptional facilities for carrying out that arrangement were provided in the shape of gunboats, steam-launches, and junks by the Viceroy Li Hsichang; whether it was politically a wise concession or not matters very little now, as at all events it relieved the colony from an overcrowding of sick people that was rapidly getting beyond control, and gave better opportunities of recovery to those who preferred to be left behind. But taking the plague-infected dead and dying to Canton, a distance of over eighty miles, was one thing; the creation of a Chinese plague depot and a plague cemetery at the other side of Hongkong harbour, with all their horrible and disgusting surroundings constituting an ever present and threatening menace to the general health of this colony, is quite another, and ought not to be tolerated. Why could not the Governor have been contented to allow those Chinese who were not satisfied with our hospitals and our treatment to be conveyed to Canton, where special preparations for their reception had been made? Why, when everything appeared to be progressing favorably and the daily statistics of the mortality and new cases indicated that the worst had been passed, did he interfere at all, instead of leaving well alone? The old, threadbare excuse, of course. The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, representing the mercantile community, in whose wishes expressed through its Chamber his Excellency decided to acquiesce. What utter rubbish! The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who represent themselves only and no interests, mercantile or otherwise, but their own, would have been much better employed in minding their own business than in meddling with matters in which they had no more concern and no better locus standi than other residents in the colony.

But what we blame the Governor most for is the utter disregard he exhibited for the powers invested in the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board by his own act, when he issued a proclamation to the Chinese, completely nullifying the Committee's authority and functions, and settling their arrangements at naught, without consulting them or even advising them of his intention. For conduct of this sort there can be no valid excuse, and his Excellency would have been wise, in our opinion, if he had frankly admitted his blunder and made proper amends for it, instead of shuffling and begging the question as he has done. The pest-house at Lai-chi-kok, his Excellency is now aware, is in a most filthy state, and until it has been made unobjectionable sanitarially it has been decreed that no more patients will be allowed to go there from Hongkong; but when it has been put to rights, then patients who wish to go will be permitted to gratify their desires—and all in spite of the autocrats of the Sanitary Board. Such, on paper, is Governor ROBINSON'S ultimatum to Mr. FRANCIS and his colleagues, and if they still prove obdurate, his Excellency will put no obstacles in their way if they decide to resign. But as the objections to this insubstantial hospital can never be removed, notwithstanding any representations that have been made on the subject to the Viceroy of Canton, it may safely be taken for granted that the Permanent Committee will be quietly allowed to maintain the position they have assumed. And now, when a lot of serious work has yet to be done and death is stalking about in our midst, it is high time that a stop should be put to this paltry, undignified squabbling, which is discreditable to all concerned.

TELEGRAMS.

THE UNITED STATES TARIFF BILL.

LONDON, July 5th.

The Tariff Bill has passed the United States Senate by a majority of five. The date fixed for the bill to come into force is the 1st August.

The bill has now been returned to the House of Representatives, which will consider the amendments.

THE KOREAN CRISIS.

China has invited the mediation of Russia in the present crisis. Russia urges both Powers to evacuate the country and then to seek a settlement.

THE UNIVERSITY CRICKET MATCH.

Oxford has beaten Cambridge by eight wickets.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

KOSSUTH took a grim pride in his voluntary poverty. "These hands of mine," he once said, "are empty and clean."

Ours of a batch of 12 gamblers arraigned before the Magistrate to-day, five forfeited two dollars each, the rest electing to retire for 14 days' hard labour.

For having returned from banishment, one Wong Nyan was to-day sent into confinement for 12 calendar months.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Marine Officers' Association will be held at the R.M.O.A. Rooms at 9 o'clock to-night, under the presidency of Captain A. Tillett.

At the Magistracy this afternoon F. Irens, described as a commission agent, was fined fifty cents for being drunk and incapable in the public streets yesterday. *Sic transit gloria mundi* truly!

A SHOPKEEPER named Yau Yan Wah appeared before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse this morning, charged with carrying arms without a permit. The guns, or rather revolvers, were forfeited and defendant fined \$15.

Mr. Whittever—They've not discovered a cure for the pestilence yet? Old Soak—Certainly. Look at me! Mr. Whittever—What is it? Old Soak—Get boozed and remain in that condition.

THROUGH inquiries made to-day at the local office of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, we are in a position to state that there is not a vessel of truth in the harbour recently current in Shanghai and Japan relative to the Col case Company having arranged to place its steamers under the German flag.

DR. N. B. DENNIS, Commissioner for Immigration in the rapidly improving Colony of British North Borneo, who arrived here recently on a special mission in connection with Chinese emigration to Borneo, where there would now appear to be a good field for Chinese artisans and labourers, was a passenger by the *Namoa* for Swatow yesterday.

THE manufacture of matches in Hyogo Prefecture has increased largely in the past few years, especially last year. According to the *Chuojo Shimbun*, the total quantity of matches manufactured in the prefecture last year was 6,562,072 gross, representing 2,478,807 yen in value, an increase of 2,010,260 gross in quantity and 895,051 yen in value over the figures for the preceding year.

HERE was a good deal of talk and explanation at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, but with the exception of an extraordinary minute sent in by his Excellency the Governor, in which he proposes to deal to-morrow, and an amusing discussion on the delicate surroundings of Chinese market gardening in the vicinity of Mr. Kennedy's stables at East Point, nothing transpired of any particular public interest.

AT the present juncture house and general servants seem prone to take every advantage of the situation. Complaints of attempts at "squeezing" are heard on all sides, but the majority of employers fall in with the altered conditions of things and 'ante' up. Some don't, however, and this morning Mr. R. K. Leigh charged five of his cooks with having discovered his lawful orders. They were fined a dollar each, which sum was promptly produced.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme in the Barrack Square this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—

Polka: "Toujours Gallant".....Fahbach.
Waltz: "The Goodnight".....Bach.
Schottische: "Happy Dances".....Grove.
Lancers: "La Vie de Boheme".....Grove.
Valse: "Fantaisie".....Grove.
Quadrille: "New Promenade".....Grove.
Valse: "Elegance".....Waldteufel.

A LATE copy of the *S. F. Commercial News* says that Captain Whitelaw is doing big work with his wreckers *Samson* at the wreck of the *City of New York* while the fine weather lasts. Every part of the machinery of the *Samson* is duplicated, so that if any accidents happen work is not suspended. Her hoisting gear is capable of raising a weight of 50 tons. When it hooks into a part of the vessel's frame it pulls the plate clean away from the rivets.

THE China Navigation Company's steamer *Woonung*, Captain Wright, was picked up at sea the day before yesterday near Ningpo by the German steamer *Fidella* and towed into Shanghai yesterday. It is believed that the *Woonung*'s engines broke down while making the voyage from Newchwang, via Chefoo, to Swatow, and it is reasonable to conclude that she was overtaken by the typhoon raging near Wanchow on the 29th ult. and was vainly endeavouring to make port under sail when the German coaster came to her aid.

At the Supreme Court to-day, Edison Crowe, chief officer of the Nova-Scotian ship *Saltire*, was brought up on remand charged with the wilful murder of a seaman named John Kennedy on the high seas on the 13th March last. Mr. Francis summed up at great length, urging that the prisoner was "not guilty." The jury retired for twenty minutes, and returned with a verdict of manslaughter, and added a rider of strong recommendation for mercy. His lordship said he concurred with the verdict and rider, and reserved sentence till Monday afternoon at 2 p.m.

MRS. WOODHULL MARTIN, editor of the *Humanitarian*, in a recent pamphlet on "Free Love" says: "The Government is contracting for an hour, a day, a week, a year, a decade, or a life, and neither the Government nor any other third party or person, or aggregate of persons ever think of making a scale of respectability, graduated by the length of time for which the contracts are made and maintained. *Last of all* does the Government require that any of these contracts shall be entered into for life. Why should the social relations of the sexes be made subject to a different theory?" The ladies are Mrs. Martin's, not ours.

THE alterations and improvements in Messrs. Malcom & Co's steamer *Kuowang*, to which we referred some six weeks ago, were completed by Messrs. George Fenwick & Co. Ltd., on Saturday last, since which date a couple of highly satisfactory trial trips of the steamer's new engines have been made round the island. The *Kuowang* will shortly be engaged in the local coasting trade, running, we believe, alternate trips with the *Peking* to and from Tam-tai-wai Swatow and Amoy, and occasionally wandering as far afield as Fochow. It was at one time contemplated to engage the steamer on the Hongkong-Macau route, but the idea was abandoned in favour of the route indicated.

GYMNASTIC MEETING.

The first Gymkhana of the season will be held on the Race Course, Happy Valley, to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 5 o'clock. The following is the programme of events:—

FOOT RACE, 220 yards.—Asiatics. Post Entries, free. Three to start or no race.

First.....\$5.00

Second.....\$4.00

Third.....\$3.00

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First.....\$5.00

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PONY RACE, Half Mile.—For all China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale with 10 lbs. added. Subscription—Gentlemen allowed 10 lbs. bona fide Polo Ponies allowed 5 lbs. Winners at any race meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra, of two or more races 10 lbs. extra. Entrance \$3. First Prize 70 per cent. of Entrance Fees with \$10 added. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent.

Mr. Salop's gr. Blenheim, 10st. 9lb.

Mr. Fraser-Smith's d. Durr, 11st. 8lb.

Mr. Fraser-Smith's bl. Black Douglas, (late Lugland) 10st. 9lb.

Mr. Fraser-Smith's gr. Catterburn, 11st. 11lb.

Mr. Sweetenham's gr. Pepper and Salt, 11st. 8lb.

Capt. Stewart's b. Haughty, 10st. 9lb.

Mr. Forbes's gr. Glenalrain, (late Frohoben) 11st. 11lb.

Mr. Ogilvie's gr. Exchange, 11st. 11lb.

Mr. Cruickshank's br. Gongadeen, 10st. 12lb.

Mr. May's ch. Discount, 10st. 10lb.

PONY RACE.—For bona fide Polo Ponies. From 13 mile post. Catch weights over 12st. 5lb. To be ridden by regular Playing Members of the Polo Club. Entrance \$3. First Prize 70 per cent. of Entrance Fees. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent.

Mr. Salop's gr. Iron Duke,

Mr. Salop's bl. Black Bird,

Mr. May's gr. Move On,

Mr. Landale's gr. Endeavour,

Capt. Murray's gr. The Friar,

LADIES' NOMINATION.—EGG AND SPOON RACE.

Competitors start dismounted, after mounting receive an Egg and Spoon from their Neighbours, ride round a post 250 yards and home. Any competitor dropping his egg must dismount and pick it up with the spoon without assistance. The egg to be carried throughout in the spoon and not to be touched by the fingers. Eggs and spoons will be provided, no others to be used. Two Prizes, kindly presented by W. A. Cruickshank, Esq., and G. C. Master, Esq.

Mrs. Master's d. Done Brown.....Mr. Master

Mrs. Robinson's d. Main.....Mr. Payne

Mrs. Moore's d. Hardnut.....Capt. Forbes

Mrs. Combe's d. The Signor.....Major Lytle

Miss A. Jackson's d. Good Hope.....Mr. Cruickshank

Mrs. May's d. Move On.....Mr. May

Mrs. Wise's d. Endeavour.....Mr. Landale

Miss Jackson's d. Reality.....Mr. Ogilvie

Mrs. Mitchell's d. The Friar.....Capt. Murray

ONE MILE HANDICAP.—For all China Ponies.

Entries to close on SATURDAY, 30th June. Entrance \$100. \$300 if non-acceptance not declared to the Hon. Secretary before 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, 3rd July. Weights will be notified on MONDAY, 2nd July. First Prize 70 per cent. of Entrance Fees with \$1500 added. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent.

Salop's gr. Blenheim, 10st. 9lb.

Mr. Salop's bl. Black Bird, 11st. 10lb.

Mr. Salop's bl. Old Giles, 10st. 7lb.

Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Havoc, 12st. 3lb.

Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's d. Durr, 11st. 12lb.

Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's bl. Black Douglas, 11st. 10lb.

Mr. R. Fraser-Smith's gr. Catterburn, 10st. 12lb.

Mr. Sweetenham's gr. Pepper and Salt, 10st. 10lb.

Capt. Stewart's b. Haughty, 10st. 7lb.

Mr. J. M. Forbes's gr. Glenalrain, 12st. 0lb.

Mr. Hart Buck's gr. Viper, 11st. 11lb.

Mr. Ogilvie's gr. Exchange, 12st. 11lb.

Mr. D. Gillies's gr. Silver King, 12st. 5lb.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. ROBINSON and the Officers of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry, the Band of the Regiment will attend.

DEATH OF MR. H. V. COX.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. H. V. Cox, late of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co's, was held at the Magistracy this forenoon by Mr. H. E. Wodehouse.

A. P. Nobbs: I am an assistant in A. S. Watson & Co's and knew deceased. He was a chemist in the Dispensary. His age was 27. On the morning of the 30th ult., at about 7 o'clock, I went to his house; deceased was due there for duty at the bank. I went up to his flat to inquire about something and found the door locked. I then went to his room, which faces Stanley Street; his door was locked. I went through the bath-room and saw deceased lying in bed apparently asleep; one hand was hanging out over the side of the bed. Noticed his fingers were twisted. Thought he was in pain; opened the window and went in. Found he was dead. He was quite cold and his limbs stiff. Deceased was dressed in his pyjamas trousers only. I reported the matter to the staff then on duty; also to the police. I returned with a policeman and found the body just as I had last seen it. Found on the wash-hand-stand two blue bottles which had contained prussic acid; they were almost empty. They are Hongkong Dispensary bottles. A broken tumbler was also lying on the floor, about three yards from the bed. There were medicine bottles in different places in the room, but they have nothing to do with this case. These articles and a handkerchief, which was lying on the bed, were all we found. Last saw him alive at 11 o'clock on the previous night. He was then apparently all right, but at about 6 p.m. seemed rather flushed, though he explained it away by saying he had been working hard. He was in his usual spirits. Between 8 and 9 o'clock deceased came for the key, and complained that he was not feeling well. Got a substitute for him (Mr. Stapleton) and suggested a 'hicksia ride.' We went to Bay View and returned about 11 o'clock. He then retired to bed. Cannot account for his action. So far as I know he was not nervous about the plague; his habits were temperate. He did not seem to be at all out of his mind that night. It was considered unusual to have two bottles of prussic acid in his room at the same time. It was easy for him to procure the acid; all we chemists have access to drugs. Cannot say whether he poisoned himself accidentally or not. He had been in the habit of taking prussic acid. It was taken to allay irritation of the stomach. When taken in proper doses it would not be harmful. Five drops are considered to be an ordinary dose. The effects are not lessened by repetition. Deceased was perfectly sober on Friday night.

Dr. Marquer, surgeon at Victoria Gaol: I am in charge of post mortem examinations. Held one in this case in company with Dr. Jordan, on the 1st inst. Detected the smell of prussic acid. The left side of the brain was firmly attached to the skull, indicating that deceased had been suffering from chronic inflammation. Death was caused by an overdose of prussic acid. Cannot say how long after taking the poison death ensued; in large doses it would be instantaneous and in smaller, perhaps two minutes. No great amount of pain would be experienced.

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

Nothing calling for special notice has occurred in connection with the plague since our last issue. The returns show considerable diminution in the number of new cases reported, but the subjoined statistics from Lai-chi-kok, which probably understate the facts, show that in the suburbs of the city and native villages in the neighbourhood the deadly disease is still raging:—

June.....Ad. Dis. Remain-
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23.....30 7 2 0

24.....72 7 0 0

25.....51 23 12 0

26.....40 20 7 0

27.....47 15 10 37

28.....28 12 3 0

29.....35 14 17 0

30.....23 6 0 0

July.....12 11 3 30

1.....8 5 3 76

2.....16 10 6 84

3.....362 130 63 247

* About 150 have been sent to Canton since the 23rd ultimo.

We are glad to be able to report that the Japanese scientists on board the *Hygeia* are a good deal better to-day, as also is Mr. H. E. Allen, whose temperature was down to 98.6 this forenoon.

The latest official returns are as follow:—

From noon yesterday until noon to-day:—

New Deaths Disch. Rem. under
cases cured treatment

* Hospital ship *Hygeia*.....0 0 0 0

Kennedy-town.....0 0 0 0

Slaughter House.....1 6 0 68

Mr. Branch Hospital.....0 0 0 18

Private houses.....0 7 0 0

Total.....3 14 0 131

Deaths reported from the outbreak (9th May) up to July 5th, noon, 2,279; grand total, 2,293.

From noon until 5 p.m. to-day:—At Tung Wah branch (including now only the Slaughter House) new cases, 5; deaths since, nil; sent to Canton in junks, nil; total remaining under treatment at the Tung Wah branch, 70.

THE CANTON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY AND THE "WHITEWASH BRIGADE."

J. J. FRANCIS, Esq.,

Chairman, Permanent Committee,

Sanitary Board.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th June, and thank you for the flattering terms in which you have acknowledged our humble efforts. I enclose the accounts of the concert and also a cheque for the balance, \$41. There is no doubt that the financial success of our enterprise was due more to the "good cause" than to our good play, therefore the foreign community of Canton ought to have the most credit.

Yours obediently,

A. PAPE,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,

Canton Philharmonic Society.

Canton, 2nd July, 1894.

Accounts of Canton Philharmonic Society's Concert, 30th June, 1894.

Receipts:—

120 tickets at \$1.....\$120

Rest of Shamien Club Hall.....\$20

Programmes, tickets, transport, lights, &c.....9 29

Balance.....91

On his departure for Europe, Mr. Th. Sohst resigned his seat at the Board, and his place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Max. Puttackner.

AUDITORS.
In accordance with Clause 146 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Lyall and Mr. R. Dunman retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

ALEX. JOHNSTON, Directors.
T. S. THOMSON,
Singapore, 21st June, 1894.

MY MATCHMAKING.

(Written for the Hongkong Telegraph.)

It was a still hot night towards the end of September. Outside in the garden not a breath of wind stirred among the trees and shrubs. Inside in our brightly lighted dining-room the punk was slowly waving to and fro above our heads; so slowly and sleepily in fact, that had not other thoughts been occupying my mind I should certainly have sent an indignant message to the punk-keeper to wake-up! The slight wind produced did not ruffle a single petal of the flower which, on the table, the snow damask stretched between myself and Jim.

We had just finished dining. Jim at one end of the table was tucked in smoke and reflection, I at the other was meditatively stirring my coffee. I had quite forgotten to light my cigarette; being still a novice at the art. When I did so, it required all my attention, for I did not like the cigarette to go out ignominiously, else the smoke got into my eyes, or I forgot to bring it out through my nose; and so I was too busily occupied with the new letter that this morning brought me to think of anything else, except how to break the sad news to Jim.

Jim is my husband you know, and we have been married five years. He is really a very good sort, not altogether ornamental perhaps—a trifle bald, a little stout, and rather grey—but considering the fact that he was chosen for me by Mama, on account of his being a good fellow, and my account of any overwhelming affection which I bore him, things might easily have turned out worse than they have.

There is no nursery upstairs. No little golden-haired—or otherwise, cherubs have blessed our union, and I sometimes feel a want in my life, a longing for some new interests—especially when Jim is particularly dull and prosy—hence my delight in the possible unexpected vista of pleasure that my letter has opened up before me.

I have been waiting all day for this opportune moment, when Jim, under the influence of a good claret, mellow in mind and moral in sentiment, will be more likely to fall in with my views, and consent to my proposal than at any other time. "Nothing venture nothing win" being a good old maxim worth living up to, I summoned my courage to the sticking point and pulled Mama's long letter out of my pocket. As I unfolded the sheet, my cheeks grew red as I saw to him rather bravely.

"Jim, please listen. I want to read you part of Mama's letter." She—she wants us to have Dolly out."

"By Jove!" ejaculated Jim, "the devil, she does."

"Don't swear dear—it's not polite. Besides Dolly need not come to us if you really don't want her to; but oh, Jim, I should love to have her."

Jim is a Scotchman you know, and just a little difficult over money matters. Probably the first thought that comes into his head is that if Dolly comes to us, she will add considerably to the expense of our ménage.

I am to carry my point it behoves me to be very diplomatic and affectionate, so I rise from my chair and walk round to Jim's end of the table with the thin rustling sheets of Mama's long letter in my hand.

I sit down on the arm of his chair, rest my hand on the back of it, then stoop and imprint a light kiss on the bald spot just on top of his head, directing as I do so, a distinct odour of Mrs. Allen's Hair Restorer! It is a revelation to me! I'll now I did not know that Jim had any vanity in his composition. After this conciliatory preliminary I venture to proceed to read the all-important letter.

"Dearest Truda," it runs, "I am in great trouble, and am writing this to ask you and dear James to help me out of it. I have appealed to your father in vain. Poor man, he really seems to grow more and more useless every day; at any rate he has none to offer me at present upon the subject which is giving me so much anxiety, namely Dolly. You know I always expected Dolly to make an excellent match—with her face and figure she should certainly marry a title. In addition to a capital income of £10,000, she is a capital girl. It was a pity that you and your mother-to-be, the Abbess, never heard her since you left home, but quite one of the younger sons, my dear, with really no prospects. Dolly certainly talks of a rich uncle who always promised to make him his heir, but with whom he has quarrelled, and I don't see that anything is to be expected from that quarter. I believe young Selwyn has been in Ceylon or somewhere, and I devoutly wish he'd go back there; but he declares he won't return without Dolly. And she, obstinate girl, is growing almost plain over the whole affair, for really she mopes and cries till she is not fit to be seen, and since her good looks are her only fortune, her behaviour is really too idiotic for words. It seems to me to get her away—out of England—for a time and give her a thorough change, is the best plan for bringing the silly girl back to her senses. Now darling child, will you and dear James do me a great favour, and allow me to send Dolly out to you for a few months. If so send me a wire."

"Does she know a wire costs about \$2.50 a word?" I interpose. Mama's diffident son-in-law. "Oh, Jim, never mind if it costs \$20! I won a lot of money at the races this year, and have got some of it left still. I'll pay for the telegram if you'll only agree to let me say 'come!'"

"Dolly is an awfully pretty girl," meditatively. "Of course she is, Jim, quite a little beauty." "And you women are so infernally jealous of each other."

"Oh, you stupid old thing!" I say, flicking away a mosquito which is hovering longingly about Jim's nose. "Do you suppose I'd beg you to let Dolly come to us if I thought there was any chance of my being jealous of her just because she's prettier than I am? Besides I'm married and 'one for' I trusted to luck that Jim would not notice the little sign which accompanied the statement of this fact, and which I tried vainly to strangle in its birth—as you see there is no rhyme or reason in my being jealous of Dolly."

"Well then, please yourself! but look here Truda, I'm not going to have the house over-run with young fellows making up to Dolly. I like to call my home my own—besides think of the amount of whiskey and soda they'd put away."

"But Jim, you forget Dolly is in love with this Mr. Selwyn and naturally won't care a button to have a lot of men making up to her—! If the worst comes to the worst I'll only give them tea!"

This promise seems to satisfy Jim somewhat, and he gives my hand, which is resting on his shoulder, a grateful little pat.

"Very well, do as you like. I leave the matter in your hands, Truda, and wash mine of the whole affair. Only mind you tell your mother not to blame me if Dolly makes a worse match out here, or gets into a worse love scrape than she has at home. Tell her, too, that Dolly doesn't grow in Hongkong, or loaves either now-a-days for the matter of that."

My point is carried and I am delighted. I feel as if I could almost give Jim a big hug. As it is that I had just said that she is ready to blush under his unwelcome caresses! After all I reflect, men are not so difficult to deal with when they are properly managed.

Dolly is the dearest little thing imaginable, and I am determined to cure her of this Selwyn affair and help her to make a really good match. I feel morally certain that this is Mama's idea in sending her so far from home. Dolly is an excellent young person, and to be really happy must marry money, with a judicious mixture of love—if possible.

I didn't sleep much that night. I was quite excited about the whole affair, and as I tossed restlessly about in bed mentally reviewed our 'eligibles.' Who should it be? Who could I fix on as the happy man—subject, of course, to Dolly's approval?

Unfortunately Jim's remark about decent incomes being rather out of date in our part of the world just now is only too true, and after conscientiously going through the men in the colony, my list of 'eligibles' is reduced to three!

Capitain Smith, the only married man in the regiment, a fair fat young fellow with a paucity of brain, and a slight savour of the paternal 'tallow' still clinging to him. On that account I felt certain Dolly would turn up her aristocratic little nose at him despite his reputed wealth.

Mr. Hamilton, a man of money and an excellent position, but unfortunately with a past, about which the less said the better. My third and last 'eligible' is Mr. Herbert Colville, whom of the three I must say I much prefer as a possible husband for Dolly. He is a tall, quiet, grave man with many good qualities—aside from his money—to recommend him.

May and December flashed into my mind but I quickly banished the thought. Besides Mr. Colville, as an old maid, I should describe him as only well advanced in years, but autumnal in fact. Perhaps he is a little bit too silent and grave for pretty bright Dolly; but she would soon wake him up and put some life into him. I can imagine Dolly getting quite fond of him in fact, for he is and looks such a thorough gentleman from the crown of his rather elderly grey head to the tips of his very excellent patent leather shoes.

By the time I was eventually condescended to pay me a fleeting visit I have scuttled it all to my entire satisfaction, and at last fall asleep to a confused jangling of wedding bells and the scent of orange blossoms!

Some six weeks later Jim showed me a telegram. "Good gracious!" I gasped, "what on earth will Mama say?"

The wire was from Dolly from Colombo, saying that she had missed the steamer and would come on the next P. and O. boat.

This was really not a good beginning. A pretty girl like Dolly to be all alone in a place like Colombo, and at an hotel probably! I had told all my friends that my sister was coming out in the *Thames*, and now she would not arrive till a fortnight later in the *Verona*! Really it was too vexing, and I felt as if Dolly deserved a good shaking. However, nothing could be done but wait calmly until the turn-up, which in course of time she did, looking a good deal better than ever, and not in the least like the forlorn maiden I had expected to see.

We never got a very coherent account of how she managed to miss the steamer. As far as I could make out she had gone up to the hills to stay with some friends till next day, when the steamer was to leave, but they missed the morning train back to Colombo, and when they eventually arrived the steamer had gone!

Dolly had always been rather an erratic young woman, but this was certainly a great piece of carelessness, although she declared that her friends were just as much to blame as she was. At any rate it was a relief to me to know that she had not been alone.

Dolly soon settled down to her new life, and as I had expected became very popular. I said nothing to her about my matrimonial-ward views, but Dolly herself made it a point to introduce to Mr. Colville, which he opened graciously enough when he came to call one afternoon, they seemed to take a mutual liking to each other.

Dolly was fascinating enough without trying to be so, but when she did try, she was simply irresistible, and she certainly did seem eager to please Mr. Colville. That afternoon—it was one of my 'at home' days—she devoted herself to him exclusively, and seemed bent on winning his approval. She made this tea for him and was quite bewitching as she asked him with a side glance from beneath her long lashes, if he took one or two lumps of sugar, or none?

Nothing could have been better and I was delighted. I was so pleased I had to impart my views to somebody, so *fait de mieux*, told Jim. Although he muttered something about 'women' and 'matchmaking' he looked as if he quite fell in with my idea. He was really a great admirer of Dolly's, although he did not say much, and I knew he would be almost as pleased as myself to see her happily married.

Everything went on swimmingly. As I said, from the first Mr. Colville seemed very much 'taken' with Dolly, and she did all in her power—which was a good deal—to increase his good opinion of her. At the dances—Mr. Colville was not a dancing man—they would sit out the 'quadrant' together, and it was easy to see what a pleasure they took in each other's society.

Dolly had been with us more than two months when I thought the time had come to throw out some feelers on the subject of her feelings towards Mr. Colville. One hopelessly wet afternoon, when there was nothing else to be done but make ourselves happy indoors, we were sitting together in my morning room.

Dolly was industriously painting some wild orchids, and I was busy cutting the leaves of a new book, thinking the while how best to begin my attack.

"Do come here, Truda, a minute," said Dolly, looking up from her painting, "and tell me if you think this colour is right; it's an awfully difficult tint to get."

"Just a trifle too dark, dear, I think," I answered her critically. "But don't get tired over them, Dolly, the flowers will keep all right till to-morrow, and the smell of the oils may give you a headache. You must keep fresh for to-night you know—we dine at the Blank's."

"Do we?" said Dolly absently, apparently deeply interested in her orchids.

"I think you'd better wear your pink *crêpe de Chine*, dear; it suits you better than any of your other gowns, and I should like you to look your best to-night because—ahem!—Mr. Colville is to be there."

"Oh, yes, I know," said Dolly, looking up at me. "I hope he'll like me. I don't like to go to the Blank's, but I must."

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"Oh, is he?" said Dolly brightening up at once. "I'm glad of that. I hope he'll take me in to dinner."

"Dolly dear," I commenced rather nervously, beginning to think she was a little too outspoken about her evident liking for Mr. Colville; "of course it doesn't matter your saying these sort of things to me, but if I were you, dear, I should be just a little more reticent before people, because you are."

Dolly opened her brown eyes to their widest extent, and looked at me in frank astonishment. "No, I don't see why?" she said.

"Well, Dolly, you know no doubt that Mr. Colville is very fond of you, still men don't like or respect girls any the more for throwing themselves into their arms as it were, or wearing their hearts on their sleeves."

"Gee! gracious, Truda, what on earth do you mean?"

"Don't get angry, Dolly. You must know that sooner or later Mr. Colville will propose to you."

"Don't be absurd, Truda, he's old enough to be my father."

"He is nothing of the sort, my dear. Of course he is a good many years your senior, but not too many. And he is rich, Dolly—very rich. Besides you know you have encouraged him. From the very first time you met you seemed determined to make him like you, and now he is a good deal of you—quite disgraced in fact if you will."

Dolly laughed, and a very pretty musical little laugh it was too, but just then it grated horribly on my ears. Was my matchmaking to be all in vain? I shut my book with a snap, and rising from my chair, said indignantly, "Very well, Dolly, if you have no sense of—"

"Don't be a goose, Truda! Mr. Colville hasn't the very slightest idea of proposing to me. We are very good friends, but I intended we should be, but for anything else."

"You are talking nonsense, Dolly, the man is—"

"Married already."

"Good heavens! Who told you so?"

"Jack."

"And who is Jack?"

"My husband."

"Dolly!"

I was capable of but that one ejaculation as I dropped down again into my seat. Dolly's announcement completely took my breath away for a moment, then I gasped out "Tell me what you mean child, quickly!"

Dolly seemed rather amused at the situation, although she looked a little white and scared. She pulled a stool beside my chair, knelt down upon it, and clasping her hands together, put on the air of a pretty penitent child as she said—

"Please I've been a naughty girl and want to be forgiven you till I know the extent of your naughtiness. What do you mean by saying 'my husband'?"

"Just the truth, dear," she answered, growing suddenly serious. "See" and she pulled out a narrow ribbon from inside her dress, from which dangled a wedding ring. Unwittingly Dolly slipped it on to the third finger of her left hand.

"There!" she said smiling, although her pretty eyes were bright with unshed tears. "I had to have it on to see how it felt after Jack put it on, but now there will be no need ever to do so again."

And the bent her head and pressed a kiss lovingly on the plain gold circle. "Now, dear old Truda, I'm awfully sorry I had to deceive you so, and I'll make a clean breast of it all at once. You see I had made up my mind to marry Jack, and Jack had made up his mind to marry me, and Mama had made up her mind to have us married."

"What of the sort?" When she told me I was to come out to you and Jim, I rebelled at once, and declared that nothing on earth would induce me to do so. Next day, however, I talked matters over with Jack, and from that time my tactics changed altogether, and I told Mama I was quite willing to go, as soon as she liked to send me. She was delighted, and said she had been sure all along I would soon come to my senses, and be sensible girl and take a more rational view of things."

"Yes, yes, but what made you change your mind so suddenly?" I asked her impatiently.

"Can't you guess? You see Jack had been out in Ceylon once, in a branch of his uncle's firm there; but he didn't like it—the work or the climate—and in his own words he 'chucked up the whole thing and came home.' This made Mr. Colville—"

"Mr. Colville?"

"Yes, Mr. Colville here is his uncle. Naturally it made him very angry, and he declared that he would wash his hands altogether of Jack instead of bringing him up as his son and heir."

"But you said Mr. Colville is married."

"So he is, but the marriage turned out unfortunately. He is separated from his wife and has no children."

"I see. Well, go on, I don't understand yet."

"Don't you see, you dear old thing, it's very simple. Jack and I put our heads together and arranged quite a neat little plot. He wrote a contrite letter to his uncle, begged his pardon for his past conduct, and asked to be taken on again in the firm and his good graces! After that he took his passage to Colombo by the same steamer in which Mama had booked mine. Poor Mama! If she had only known I was married by special licence immediately on our arrival in Colombo. Now you know—really, Truda, why I missed my ship. We had a delightful little honeymoon up to the hills, then I caught the next P. and O. steamer and began to put the finishing touches to our little plot as soon as I arrived. My idea was to make friends with Mr. Colville, and when I was quite sure that I had succeeded, tell him I was the wife of his contrite nephew, and beg him to forgive him, and let him join the firm at last, instead of remaining in Colombo. I didn't mean to tell you anything about it till it was all satisfactorily settled and Jack had been sent for. But you forced me to speak on account of the ridiculous ideas you had got into your head about Mr. Colville and me. I meant to make myself agreeable, and I did—"

"You certainly did, Dolly. Poor Mr. Colville!"

"I tell you, I shall tell him all about it to-night at the Blank's and—"

THE TROUBLES IN KOREA.

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LATEST QUOTATIONS.

BANKS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—98 per cent.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £80.00
 holders—24 buyers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—
 Founders' shares—£5, buyers.
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CHINESE LOANS.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent.
 premium.

MARINE INSURANCES.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$127 per
 share, sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$64 per
 share, sellers.
 North China Insurance—£15 per share,
 sellers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per
 share, sales and buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$73, buyers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—£15 per
 share.
 The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$13 per share,
 buyers.

FIRE INSURANCES.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$177 per
 share, buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share,
 sellers.
 The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$16 per
 share, buyers.

SHIPPING.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—
 \$25 per share, buyers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$65,
 buyers.

India China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—
 \$33, buyers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$48, sales and
 buyers.

China Mutual Shippers Co., Ltd.—(Preference)—
 \$6 per share, nominal.

China Mutual Shippers Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—
 \$1 per share, nominal.

REFINERIES.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160
 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$48,
 buyers.

MINING.

Punjab Mining Co.—(Ordinary)—\$5.75 per
 share, sales and buyers.

Punjab Mining Co.—(Preference)—\$1.50 per
 share, sales and buyers.

The Kanchi Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4.25 per
 share, buyers.

The New Bismarck Gold Mining Co., Limited—
 \$1.00 per share, sellers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—
 \$80 per share, sellers.

The Indochina Mining and Trading Co., Limited—
 \$70, sellers.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$5
 per cent. premium, sellers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$21 per share,
 sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Company—\$37 per share, sales and buyers.

Wanchai Warehouse Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share,
 sellers.

HOTELS.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$113 per share,
 sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures
 \$20.

The Shamrock Hotel Co., Limited—\$2 per
 share, sellers.

LANDS AND BUILDING.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—
 \$10 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—
 \$5, sales and buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$24
 per share, sellers.

Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—\$14
 per share, sellers.

DISPENSARIES.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$98, buyers.

Dakin, Gough & Co., Limited—\$1 per share,
 buyers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$6 per
 share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$4 per share,
 buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company,
 Limited—\$105 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$125 per share,
 buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$78 per share, sales
 and buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—
 \$40 per share, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—
 \$3 per share, buyers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$6, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—
 \$4.75, sellers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co.,
 Limited—\$70, buyers.

Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.—\$4 per share,
 sellers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T.2/11

Bank Bills, on demand2/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight2/11

Credits at 4 months' sight2/11

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight2/11

On PARIS—Bank, T. T.1/95

Bank Bills, on demand1/95

Credits, at 4 months' sight2/71

On INDIA—Bank, T. T.1/95

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On SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T.74 1/2

Private, 30 days' sight75 1/2

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)80.30

Silver (per oz.)28 1/2

Visitors at the Hongkong Hotel.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Miss Coe.
 Mr. H. L. Dalrymple.
 Mr. Delbanco.
 Mr. Dipple.
 Mr. J. Dowling.
 Mr. F. East.
 Mr. Farquharson.
 Mr. Geo. Fenwick.
 Mr. Fullerton.
 Rev. & Mrs. Hamilton.
 Mr. W. S. Harrison.
 Mr. Geo. Holmes.
 Mr. Jones.
 Mr. MacLean.
 Mr. Medhurst.
 Capt. and Mrs. Moore.
 Mr. H. Nicolle.
 Mr. W. Parfitt.
 Mrs. Perkes.
 Mrs. Robbison and children.
 Mr. F. H. Slaghek.
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Findlay.
 Smith and family.
 Mr. Stokra.
 Capt. & Mrs. Welman.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Ozma*, with the French mail, left Singapore on the 4th instant at noon, and may be expected here on the 11th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco on the 10th ultimo, left Yokohama on the 5th instant at noon, and may be expected here on the 10th.

The O. & C. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belgia*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 28th ultimo.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAIL.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Tacoma*, from Tacoma and Victoria, B.C., left Yokohama on the 4th instant for Hongkong. The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Sith* left Tacoma and Victoria, B.C., on the 3rd instant for Yokohama, Kobe and Hongkong.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. Steamship Co.'s steamer *Guthrie*, from Australia left Port Darwin on the 27th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 6th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Catherine*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and may be expected here on the 9th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Alderley* left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on the 9th.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Telamon* left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and may be expected here on the 9th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Formosa* left Hongkong on the 27th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 15th instant.

The China Mutual steamer *Katchidate Maru*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 15th ultimo.

The China Mutual steamer *Katow*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 25th ultimo, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 12th instant.

ARRIVALS.

SUNGIANG, British steamer, 994, Dodd, 5th July, from Manila 29th June, and Amoy 4th July, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

ISER, British steamer, 1,415, Burgoyne, 5th July, from Samarang 27th June, Sugar.—Chinese.

BENLARG, British steamer, 1,464, E. Le Breton, 5th July, from Yokohama 6th June, and Chinkiang 25th, Rice.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 680, A. J. Robson, 9th July, from Tamsui, via Amoy, and Swatow 5th July, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

NANCHANG, British steamer, 1,200, E. Finlayson, 6th July, from Canton 6th July, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Chowfa, British steamer, for Bangkok.

Turbo, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

Ariaki Maru, Japanese steamer, for Nagasaki and Kuchino.

Cromarty, British steamer, for Saigon, &c.

Benlargo, British steamer, for Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

July 5, *Nanchang*, British steamer, for Canton.

July 5, *Emily Reed*, American ship, for Manila.

July 5, *Tacoma*, American ship, for Manila.

July 5, *Prevez*, German steamer, for Chiofo.

July 6, *Actio*, Danish steamer, for Hoihow.

July 6, *Shanghaier*, British ship, for Gum.

July 6, *Changsha*, British steamer, for Thursday Island, &c.

July 6, *Avonchis*, British steamer, for Kobe.

July 6, *Hailong*, British steamer, for Amoy.

July 6, *Ancona*, British ship, for Nagasaki, &c.

July 6, *Cromarty*, British ship, for Saigon, &c.

July 6, *Karlshafen*, German ship, for Shanghai.

July 6, *Nurubaru*, German ship, for Nagasaki.

July 6, *Ariaki Maru*, Japanese steamer, for Nagasaki, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Sungkiang*, from Manila, &c.—6 Europeans and 1 Chinese.

Per *Formosa*, from Tamsui, &c.—25 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Changsha*, for Sydney.—Mrs. Kan and 2 children, Messrs. W. T. Littlewood and Frank Cousins. For Melbourne.—Messrs. J. R. Mees and J. Booth.

Per *Memoon*, for Sandakan.—Miss Beeston, Captain Pison, and Mr. H. E. Pollock.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Sungkiang* reports that she left Manila on the 29th ultimo, and Amoy on the 4th instant, and had moderate south-west winds and sea throughout.

The British steamer *Iser* reports that she left Samarang on the 27th ultimo, and had fresh easterly and south-east winds to the equator; thence to port had moderate to light monsoon.

The British steamer *Formosa* reports that she left Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow, on the 5th instant, and had light south-west winds across the Formosa Channel and very clear weather. From Amoy to Swatow had moderate south-west winds and cloudy weather.

From Swatow to Hongkong had moderate south-west winds. At Breaker Point and off Pedro Blanco very vivid lightning. From Pedro Blanco to port had fine clear weather throughout. In Amoy the steamships *Sagamore*, *Italian*, *Cass*, and *Cheong Hock Kian*.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—

For Bangkok.—Per *Chowfa* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Carmarthenshire* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Formosa* to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Singapore and London.—Per *Naitor* to-morrow the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

AONES, French steamer, 290.—Geo. R. Stevens. BENLOKE, British steamer, 1,285, J. D. Sarchet, 4th July.—Saigon 30th June, Rice.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CARMARTHENSIRE, British steamer, 1,776, D. Davies, 3rd July.—London, via Singapore 27th June, General.—Doddwell, Carill & Co.

CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, F. W. Phillips, 2nd July.—Kobe 24th June, and Swatow 1st July, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 3,129, R. R. Searle, 3rd July.—San Francisco 7th June, and Yokohama 19th, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

DONAR, German steamer, 1,011, B. Grundmann, 3rd July.—Bangkok 26th June, General.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain Stopand, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s tug.

GWALIOR, British steamer, 1,648, C. F. Denny, 29th June.—Kobe 19th June, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

HAIPHONG, French steamer, 872, H. Galletty, 28th July.—Haiphong 23rd July, General.—Messageries Maritimes.

HONGKONG, French steamer, 739 C. Bastran, 4th July.—Hoihow 3rd July, General.—A. R. Marty.

HUPH, British steamer, 1,448, Quill, 28th June.—Java, and Samarang 19th June, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.

NORMANBURST, British steam-launch, 55, Ansonia, 1st June.—Samarang 26th May.

PRAYA, 130, Captain Macfarlane.—Hongkong Government Tender.

RIVERSDALE, British steamer, 1,311, Ed. Peck, 13th June.—Hongkong 10th June, Coals.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TURBO, British steamer, 2,683, Townsend, 5th July.—Shanghai 1st July, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

A. G. ROPES, American ship, 2,342, D. H. Rivera, 28th June.—put back 21st June, Ballast.

CALDER CURTIS, American schooner, 31, Brake, 5th July.—Yan (Caroline Islands) 29th May, General.—Order.

COMET, Nicaraguan barque, 600, J. Kirk, 26th June.—Manila 15th June, Sugar.—Shewan & Co.

FOOHNG SUEY, Hawaiian bark, 398, D. Mahony, 18th June.—New York 13th March, Kerosene oil.—Shewan & Co.

HERAT, British ship, 1,397, John Rowe, 25th June.—New York 19th June, Kerosene Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HIDDEKE, British four-masted ship, 2,500, Woudney, 25th June.—New York 28th Feb., Kerosene Oil.—E. D. Sassoon & Co.

JAPAN, Italian bark, 395, Bartolomeo Guastavino, 22nd June.—Callao and April, Ballast.—Order.

KITWA, British ship, 2,149, Smith, 9th June.—New York 8th December, Kerosene Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LE SCORPION, American ship, 1,776, Chas. S. Kendall, 17th May.—New York 1st January, Kerosene Oil.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.

SMELKIRK, British ship, 1,646, J. Siersted, 9th June.—New York 8th February, Kerosene Oil.—Shewan & Co.

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